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**Objective:** All infants and toddlers with developmental delays, disabilities and/or who are at-risk are identified, evaluated and referred for services. (Revised 10/04)

**Component/Desired Result CC.1: Does the implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated Child Find system result in the identification, evaluation and assessment of all eligible infants and toddlers?**

**I. Baseline Data/Current Reality:**

Total number of referrals since implementation of the redesigned program: 3878

Counts of Infants and Toddlers under three years old with IFSPs as of First of the Month \*\*\*

4/1/02*	5/1/02	6/1/02	7/1/02	8/1/02	9/1/02	10/1/02	11/1/02	12/1/02	1/1/03	2/1/03	3/1/03**	4/1/03	5/1/03	6/1/03
1,174	1,394	1,577	1,804	2,053	2,265	2,362	2,575	2,824	3,012	3,141	3,296	3,333	3,384	3,323
Increase of	220	183	227	249	212	97	213	249	188	129	155	37	51	-61

\*Phase 1 Implementation (4/1/02)      \*\*Phase 2 Implementation (3/1/03)

\*\*\*Counts only reflect the number of IFSPs that were entered into the SPOE database as of June, 2003. Therefore, for the earlier months, the actual number of IFSPs is higher than shown.

Child Count as of 6/1/03 by Race

Race	Count	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.06%
Asian/Pacific Islander	68	2.05%
Black, African Am. (Not Hispanic)	435	13.09%
Hispanic/Latino	93	2.80%
White (Not Hispanic)	2,725	82.00%
Total	3,323	

Count of Referral Sources – All Children under 3 years of age who received an IFSP

Advertising	2
DFS Office	15
Early Head Start	12
Early Intervention Program	59
Education Agency	14
Friend	16
Hospital Diagnostic Program	232
Local Council	2
MCH Clinic	2
Multi service Mental Health Agency	25
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit [NICU]	93
Other Mental Health Practitioner	7
Other Referral Source	85

Parent	840
Parents as Teachers	413
Physician - Other Than Primary Care	56
Physician - Primary Care	186
Public Health Nurse	10
Relative	26
Self	23
Shelter for Homeless or Abused	2
Social Service Agency	27
State Operated Facility	35
Total	2182

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5. The percentage of referrals that progress to IFSP development will be 80% or higher.
6. The percent of children served in Part C as measured by the December child count will be consistent with the national participation rate as follows:

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Dec. 2004	1.65%
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**Indicator CC.1 (a): Is the percentage of eligible infants and toddlers determined eligible for Part C comparable to State and national demographic data for the percentage of infants and toddlers with developmental delays?**

**I. Baseline Data/Current Reality:**

Children under 3 years of age with an active IFSP on 6/1/03

Primary Eligibility	Count
50% developmental delay	1,647
Medical diagnosis	1,400
Low birth weight	276
Total	3,323

Active Children under 3 years of age with an IFSP and percentage based on 2000 census population (under 3 years of age)

SPOE	Active	2000 US Census	%
*1000 St Louis (Region #2)	922	51,701	1.78%
*1100 St Charles (Region #1)	257	12,770	2.01%
*1200 Atchison area (Region #4)	22	1,923	1.14%
*1300 Platte/Clay/Ray (Region #6)	223	11,888	1.88%
*1400 Andrew (St Joe) (Region #5)	83	5,317	1.56%
1500 SE Mo (Region #7, 21, 23)	167	15,796	1.06%
1700 Kirksville (Region #8)	30	2,632	1.14%
1800 Kansas City (Region #9)	365	27,839	1.31%
1900 Sedalia (Region #10)	73	6,380	1.14%
2000 Columbia (Region #11)	151	9,498	1.59%
2100 SW Mo (Region #12, 14, 15)	186	19,837	0.94%
2200 Springfield (Region #13)	235	13,695	1.72%
2500 Jeff City (Region #16)	80	5,872	1.36%
2600 Camdenton/Rolla (Region #17)	69	6,316	1.09%
2800 Union (Region #19)	77	4,408	1.75%
2900 Cuba (Region #20)	27	2,408	1.12%
3100 S Central Mo/W Plains (Region #18, 22)	39	6,554	0.60%
3300 N Central Mo (Region #24)	22	2,066	1.06%
3400 Shelby (Region #25)	27	2,080	1.30%
3500 Montgomery City (Region #26)	49	3,602	1.36%
3600 Jefferson County (Region #3)	219	8,486	2.58%
Total	3,323	221,068	1.50%

<b>National Baseline December 1, 2001</b> <i>% Based on 2000 Census (Does not include At Risk)</i>	
National	2.10%
Mo. Self Assessment (October 2002)	1.28%
Missouri (June 1, 2003)	1.50%

\*Phase I SPOEs

**II. Activities to Achieve Results:**

A public awareness workgroup met in 2000 to develop a public relations plan. The plan is divided into 3 phases of activities and all the Phase I activities have been completed to date. One of the Phase II activities has been completed, however the remaining Phase II and III activities need to be implemented.

**III. Evidence of Change/Benchmarks:**

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2003-2004 Part C

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**Indicator CC.1 (b): Is the percentage of eligible infants with disabilities under the age of one that are receiving Part C services comparable with national and state prevalence data?**

**I. Baseline Data/Current Reality:**

Count of children under 1 year of age, compared to the under 1 year of age 2000 US Census – as of 6/1/03

SPOE		Active	Census	%
*1000	St Louis (Region #2)	115	16,773	0.69%
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1500	SE Mo (Region #7, 21, 23)	24	5,238	0.46%
1700	Kirksville (Region #8)	6	820	0.73%
1800	Kansas City (Region #9)	45	9,391	0.48%
1900	Sedalia (Region #10)	5	2,125	0.24%
2000	Columbia (Region #11)	33	3,111	1.06%
2100	SW Mo (Region #12, 14, 15)	25	6,456	0.39%
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3100	S Central Mo/W Plains (Region #18, 22)	7	2,133	0.33%
3300	N Central Mo (Region #24)	1	670	0.15%
3400	Shelby (Region #25)	4	708	0.56%
3500	Montgomery City (Region #26)	8	1,172	0.68%
3600	Jefferson County (Region #3)	27	2,864	0.94%
Total		441	72,842	0.61%

National Baseline December 1, 2001 % Excluding At Risk	
National	0.90%
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